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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail,
3 extending from Wood River, Illinois to the mouth of the
4 Columbia River in Oregon and Washington, was established by the
5 United States Congress in 1978; and

6 WHEREAS, The Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008
7 directed the National Park Service to conduct a Special
8 Resources Study to assess the suitability and feasibility of
9 extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail by
10 including the Eastern Legacy sites, the historic routes and
11 sites in the East that were vital to the preparation and
12 planning of the Lewis and Clark "Corps of Discovery"
13 expedition; and

14 WHEREAS, Extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic
15 Trail eastward fulfills the objectives of the National Trails
16 System, established in 1968 to provide for the ever-increasing
17 outdoor recreation needs of an expanding population and to
18 promote the preservation of, public access to, travel within,
19 and enjoyment and appreciation of open-air, outdoor areas, and
20 historic resources of the nation; and

21 WHEREAS, William Clark, co-commander of the "Corps of
22 Discovery" expedition, along with 10 other members of the

1 expedition, were Kentuckians who were involved in every pivotal
2 event during the "Corps of Discovery" expedition; and

3 WHEREAS, Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, other members of
4 the expedition, and tribal people under their care traveled
5 through Kentucky after exploring the West; and

6 WHEREAS, Kentucky newspapers were the first newspapers in
7 the country to publish reports of the success of the "Corps of
8 Discovery" expedition as well as the first reports of the death
9 of Governor Meriwether Lewis; and

10 WHEREAS, Tourism is a major component of Kentucky's economy
11 and the addition of 52 counties in Kentucky to the Lewis and
12 Clark National Historic Trail would greatly benefit the tourism
13 industry and the overall economy of the Commonwealth;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 urge the National Park Service to include the Eastern Legacy
18 Sites, which include 52 Kentucky counties, in the Lewis and
19 Clark National Historic Trail; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to National Park Service Director, Jon Jarvis.